



Welcome to Bowning Public School



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Together we provide opportunities for all students to achieve their personal best and to become confident lifelong learners, so preparing them for participation in a rapidly changing world. At Bowning Public School we value Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learners.

BOWNING PUBLIC SCHOOL

Established in 1849, Bowning Public School continues a proud tradition of providing public education. The school offers a friendly, attractive learning environment. The buildings are well maintained and surrounded by spacious gardens and grounds.

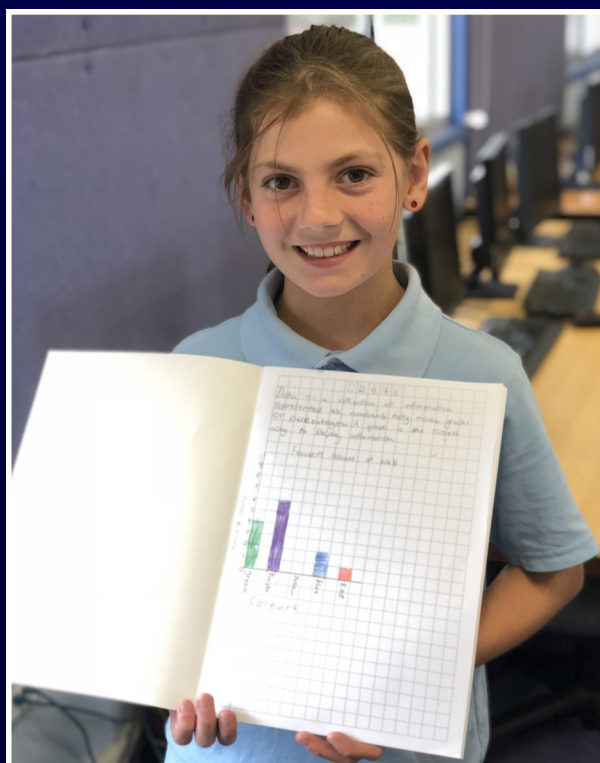
Teaching Principal, Emily Jones leads a team of committed, caring and experienced teachers who cater to the individual needs of all students. We are committed to providing a supportive environment in which all children reach their full potential, broaden horizons, develop self-discipline and learn skills for life-long learning. Our active Parent and Citizen's Association plays an integral role in many aspects of life at school.

Our school focuses on quality teaching and student engagement. The quality of our programs in literacy, numeracy, ICT and performing arts is reflected in the many successes and achievements of our students within the school and district. Our involvement in additional activities such as community service, public speaking and regional sports representation promote a high level of motivation, strong values and a sense of pride in our school and the community we serve.

Bowing Public School offers all the benefits of a small country school and the full range of programs and resources available to students within the NSW Department of Education public school system.

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OUR STAFF

Principal	Miss Emily Jones
Teacher K-2	Mrs Wendy Quinn
Teacher 3-6	Miss Kymberly Heffernan
School Admin Manager	Mrs Desnee pack
School Learning Support	Ms Marnie Pack
General Assistant	Mr Mathew Hodson

STRUCTURE OF CLASSES

There are 2 class groups as follows:

- Primary: Years 3 – 6
- Infants: Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2

This structure may be varied from year to year depending on the number of pupils per grade.

SCHOOL TIMES

School commences at 9.00am

Recess eating time is from 11.00am to 11.10am

Play from 11.10am to 11.30am

Lunch eating time is from 1.00pm to 1.10pm

Play from 1.10pm to 1.40pm

Lessons conclude at 2.55pm.

A fruit break is held in the weather shed at 8.55am



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A school newsletter is sent home every 2nd Wednesday with the eldest child in the family and is also available on the website. As well as information on school matters celebrating student learning and behavior, the newsletter is available for advertising community events.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

School assemblies are held twice a term (usually mid and end of term) with the end of term assembly being held at the Bowning Hall. Parents are advised of dates and times of each assembly in the weekly newsletter and are most welcome to attend.

CONVEYANCE

Parents are eligible for a conveyance subsidy if they live more than 1.6km from the bus pick-up point. Applications are available from school. A bus from Yass to Bowning is also available each day.

BANKING

Children may open a Commonwealth Savings account at the school. Banking day is Thursday.

BOOKCLUB

Once a month brochures of the Scholastic Book Club are sent home and books may be purchased through the school. The school earns bonus points which contribute towards the purchase of library books.

TUCKSHOP

A tuck-shop is conducted by the P&C twice a term. Orders are taken for lunches the week prior to tuck-shop.

PARENT PICKUP AND COLLECTION

Parents can drop and collect students in the turning circle inside the school gate off Bowning Road. Parents are asked to park cars on the curb only – around the circle. No car is to enter the school grounds beyond the bus shelter at any time.

MEDICINE

If your child needs to take any medication at school, (including Asthma medication) the school requires a signed request form for “Administering prescribed medication to students” (available from the office) explaining details of dosage to be administered and time it is to be taken.



INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Chicken pox	exclude for 5 days
German Measles (Rubella)	exclude for 4 days after the onset of rash
Hepatitis A	exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received
Measles	exclude for 5 days from appearance of rash
Whooping cough	exclude for 14 days from onset of illness or until a 5 day course of antibiotics is completed
Mumps	exclude for 9 days or until swelling goes down
Ringworm	exclude until the day after appropriate antifungal treatment has commenced
Conjunctivitis	exclude until eye discharge has ceased
Impetigo	exclude until appropriate antibiotic treatment has commenced
Head lice	exclude until hair is completely free of eggs and lice

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

SUPERVISION

Formal supervision of students begins at 8.30am, a half hour before lessons commence. During this time a teacher is available on the oval near the bus shelter. Similarly, a teacher is available from 3.00pm to 3.30pm to walk students to bus and parent pickup points. Students, who do not catch a bus should be collected at 2.55pm or walk home. Only in exceptional circumstances will supervision be provided after 3.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

At Bowning Public School, parents are asked to notify the school by phone call or note (prior to 9:30am) if a child is to be absent from school. When a child is not in attendance at school without notification on any school day, the designated officer (SAM, Classroom Teacher or Principal) will make contact with the family to confirm the wellbeing of the child.

SUNSAFE POLICY

In 2017 the school adopted a “no hat, play in the shade” policy for Terms 1 and 4. All students are expected to wear a broad brimmed school hat whenever outdoors during fitness, sports or play. At play times, students without their school hat will be required to play in shaded areas as specified by the supervising teacher.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Through funding support provided by the Commonwealth Government, Bowning Public School, in conjunction with Binalong Public School, hosts a Sporting Schools Program. All students participate at no cost. Consent forms are forwarded each term advising of days, dates and activities. All students actively participate in the program. Every second term Binalong Public School hosts these activities and Bowning students travel by bus to their school. A separate permission note will be sent home regarding the bus travel.

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Each student is to have a school bag, a library bag, and a painting smock. In addition we ask students in Years 3 to 6 have coloured pencils, an eraser, a ruler, a red pen, a blue pen and lead pencils. The school provides exercise books and worksheets as required. A list of requirements and costs is provided at the beginning of each school year.

SCHOOL PLEDGE

This is our school,
Let love abide here;
Love of one another,
Love of mankind
And love of life itself.
Let us remember
That as many hands make a house
So many hearts make a school.

Students recite the school pledge at each assembly



PARENT PARTICIPATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Parents have many opportunities to be involved in school life at Bowning.

These include:

- attendance at assemblies and school events
- helping with reading, maths groups and gardening
- Tuck-shop
- Community BBQ
- P&C Association meetings and activities, including working bees
- assistance at sports carnivals and events

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The P & C Association meets at the school on the 2nd Monday of each Term at 3.15pm. Notice is given in the school newsletter. Copies of the Constitution are available if required. Important information from the meetings are published in the school newsletter.

The Bowning Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) plays an integral role for those parents and community members wishing to take an active role in supporting the school. The Parents and Citizen's Association carries out a range of successful fund-raising activities each year.

These successful projects include: catering at the Small School's Athletics Carnival, Community markets BBQ, a Mother's Day raffle and a Christmas Hamper raffle.

In negotiation with the school staff and P&C members, the funds raised each year are used to purchase vital resources such as library books, Maths resources and sports equipment. A subsidy for the swimming scheme bus and excursion subsidies are also provided.

All parents and community members are encouraged to become active members of this dynamic organisation.



PARENT /TEACHER EVENINGS

Formal interviews between parents and teachers are scheduled at the end of term 1 and mid to end of term 3 each year. Parents may also request interviews at any time throughout the year by contacting the office or their child's teacher to make an appointment.

PROGRESS REPORTS TO PARENTS

Reports are distributed on a half yearly/yearly basis for all students. Kindergarten students are provided with a feedback to parents report in term 1 once the Best start Assessment is complete.

CURRICULUM



KEY LEARNING AREAS

Teaching and learning programs are provided for all students in the Key Learning Areas of:

- English
 - Mathematics
 - History
 - Geography
 - Science and Technology
 - Creative and Practical Arts
 - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Scripture is offered once per term.

HOMEWORK

Assignments are given at the discretion of the class teacher. Tasks may include:

- regular learning of spelling words and number facts
- completion of work unfinished at school
- practice in a specific aspect of work that needs attention
- research

All students are expected to read each school night. A home reading program is established to support this endeavor. Parents are asked to assist in ensuring the completion of all homework tasks.

LIBRARY

Borrowing from the school library takes place each fortnight. Library bags **must** be used to bring books to and from school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

Students participate in a daily physical fitness activity such as cross-country running, vigorous games and fundamental movement schools. Friday is nominated as sports day; Sports uniform is to be worn on this day. In accordance with Departmental Policy, Public Schools Sports focuses on the development of fundamental skills and enjoyment of physical pursuits.

There are two house teams, Lawson House (Yellow) and Paterson House (Green) for intra school carnivals. The Small Schools Athletics carnival is held early in Term 2 each year.

High achieving athletes and swimmers are selected to represent the school at Yass District carnivals and may go on to represent at the South Coast Regional carnival according to their performance against peers across the schools of our district. The school also takes part in an Intensive Swimming Scheme in Term 4 each year.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

The school has achieved wide recognition for its public speaking program. All children in years K-6 are encouraged to participate by writing, practicing and delivering a speech in front of invited judges. The winners of this competition are announced at presentation evening at the end of the year. A public speaking day is held during Term 3 each year. The finals of the annual school public speaking competition are part of this program.

COMPUTERS

Bowning Public School provides all students K-6 with access to computer technology. Students are taught typing skills and navigation of the internet, word-processing, publishing and spreadsheet programs. Each student is provided with an e-learning account allowing them secure access to internet resources and an email account.

UNIFORM

To encourage a sense of unity and school pride, pupils wear correct school uniform at all times; parental co-operation is sought in ensuring correct attire. Uniforms are available for sale at school. All tops have the school logo. All shorts and culottes are plain navy blue. The Bowning sport polo is only available from the school. Year 6 students may wear their year 6 shirt upon its arrival.



GIRLS

SUMMER

navy culottes or shorts
sky blue polo shirt
navy blue fleece top with hood/bomber jacket
navy or white socks
black shoes or joggers
blue school hat

WINTER

sky blue polo shirt short/long sleeve
navy blue, straight leg, fleece track pant
navy blue fleece top with hood/bomber jacket
navy or white socks
black shoes or joggers

SPORT

Bowning sport polo, navy blue microfibre sport short/navy blue, straight leg, fleece track pant, white socks, sport shoes, blue school hat, navy blue fleece top with hood/bomber jacket.

BOYS

SUMMER

navy shorts
sky blue polo shirt
navy blue fleece top with hood/bomber jacket
navy or white socks
black shoes or joggers
blue school hat

WINTER

sky blue polo shirt short/long sleeve
navy blue, straight leg, fleece track pant
navy blue fleece top with hood/bomber jacket
navy or white socks
black shoes or joggers

SPORT

Bowning sport polo, navy blue microfibre sport short/navy blue, straight leg, fleece track pant, white socks, sport shoes, blue school hat, navy blue fleece top with hood/bomber jacket.

CORE RULES FOR STUDENTS IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Students in NSW Government schools are provided with a high quality education so that they may learn to the best of their ability and become self-disciplined, tolerant, enterprising and contributing members of the school and community.

Core rules for student behaviour have been developed to establish consistent expectations in all government schools in support of these aims. These rules are based on our core values of integrity, excellence, respect, responsibility, cooperation, participation, care, fairness and democracy.

The critical role of parents and care-givers is recognised as the primary influence on each child's character and behaviour and as essential partners in supporting the core rules and the successful education of their children.

The Department is committed to supporting principals and school staff in the implementation of these rules through statewide policies and programs, together with regional support staff, professional learning and alternative provisions, in order to promote the highest standards of behaviour and learning in our schools.

THE CORE RULES

All students in NSW are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and be prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform and dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, by following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.
- Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behavior of any kind, will not be tolerated.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AT BOWNING PUBLIC SCHOOL

Positive Behavior for Learning (PBL) is a school-wide behavior initiative currently in use at a number of NSW public schools. PBL was introduced at Bowning Public School in 2008 as PBS and changed to PBL in 2015. PBL encourages positive behavior from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. PBL operates as a systemic umbrella for a broad range of programs in our school, including values education (focusing on respect, responsibility and safety), anti-bullying, student welfare, learning support and peer support programs.

"At Bowning Public School we are safe , respectful, responsible learners."

SCHOOL RULES IN SUPPORT OF THE CORE RULES FOR STUDENTS IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Before and after school the students must keep in areas designated by supervising teachers.
- Students are encouraged to eat a small snack of fruit or vegetables and to take a drink of water. Parents are asked to provide only nutritious and healthy food and drinks for consumption at school.
- There will be a 10 minute eating time at the beginning of recess and lunch. Students will not begin playing until the supervising teacher releases them.
- The playground equipment is out of bounds before and after school.
- Dangerous games should not be played on fixed equipment, concrete/asphalt areas or around buildings.
- Students should stay within school grounds unless they have teacher permission to go outside.
- As a 'sun safe' school, it is school policy for students to wear the broad brimmed school hat when outdoors during terms 4 & 1. Students are also encouraged to wear sunglasses.

RULES FOR PEOPLE

- Students should obey the directions of teachers.
- Students should be considerate and respectful towards each other, as well as school property and the property of others.
- Good manners should be extended to all.
- To encourage a sense of pride in the school it is important that all students wear correct school uniform

RULES TO HELP THE RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL

- Students are encouraged to use the toilet at recess and lunch times rather than during teaching and learning periods.
- Students should show respect for the school environment
- Only persons directed by a teacher will be allowed in the sports shed. Equipment is to be handed out at recess and lunch. It must be returned promptly when the bell goes at the end of play.
- When the bell goes after a break pupils will immediately stop playing, move to the bubblers and toilets where they wash their hands.
- During recess and lunchtime students are not allowed in the classrooms or library at any time without permission.

